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SUBJECT: TIP: ADDITIONAL STATISTICS

1. We have belatedly received a few more statistics related to the major vulnerable group in Kuwait as far as Trafficking In Persons (TIP) is concerned. In 2003, according to GOK statistics, there were criminal charges pressed by the public prosecutor as follows:

-- 114 reported felonies committed by employers against their domestic servants, up nearly 30% from 2002. Roughly 20% involved "sexual intercourse," 18% involved kidnapping, and 12% involved physical assault. Roughly 75% of the felonies in 2003 were committed against female domestics; most against Philippine and Sri Lankan nationals;

-- 96 reported misdemeanors committed by employers against their domestic servants, roughly 35% of which involved physical assault and 15% involved "unintentional injury." Nearly 60% of these crimes were committed against female domestic workers; most against Indian nationals.

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